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Voluntary membership questioned

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"deleterious competition" between student governments.

Lumsden said that Hasselfeldt's proposal would encourage students to be informed about their choice instead of strictly basing their decision on the amount charged by individual student governments. Lumsden, however, still expressed concern about establishing financially sound governments which can offer students quality services and programs.

According to Lumsden, a student government requires at least \$60,000 annually to operate. A system of voluntary membership, Lumsden says, may create a "false economy" on campus because governments will not have enough funds to carry out their services and programs.

Tom Meininger, Provost of York University, disagrees, saying that it's hard to argue with a system based on choice. Meininger also points out that the decision of a student will be

binding for two years, thus creating "funding stability." This way student governments will know approximately how much money they'll be working with in the coming year.

Reya Ali, Student Representative on the BOG and member of the SRC, agrees with Meininger, and adds that if colleges are so special, they will retain their full membership and funding under the voluntary membership system. Ali feels competition will put "more energy into the system" and force student governments to become more attentive to student needs.

During his presentation, McCreadie also proposed that the president of CYSF and the president of GSA sit on the BOG and SRC. "It is unthinkable," McCreadie said, "that such a body be without government representation."

According to Ali, with such a system the student government would be giving up the "arm's length relationship" that it ordinarily main-

tains with the BOG. Ali also noted that often student interests and student government interests "may not necessarily be the same at one time"—that is why student representatives sit on the BOG rather than representatives from student government.

After the meeting, McCreadie complained that his proposal—a product of the Blue Mountain Accord—was completely ignored by the SRC. McCreadie noted that since the accord was drawn up by most of York's student leaders (including CYSF executive, college presidents, and one faculty association leader), the SRC were ignoring the demands of students in implementing Gilmore's recommendations. According to Ali, the SRC was already in its final deliberations on the Gilmore report when Lumsden and McCreadie made their presentations. He added that the SRC had heard those kinds of "college arguments" many times before.



MARKY'S, MARKY'S, MARKY'S: You can hardly hear yourself think above the joyful shouts of hungry Yorkers, relieved that their trusty watering hole will return for another session. Actually, what you're seeing is that jubilant enthusiasm for academics, the irrepressible hunger for knowledge etched on the face of every returning student. Still, we might be wrong. A pessimist would disagree and interpret this shot as a last gasp of summer happiness before the Freight Train of a Responsible Life reduces us to hamburger. *You be the judge.*

UFBSC renews Marky's contract

By MARK HUNTER

York University students will be dining at Marky's for another year, because of a reversal of a previous decision made by the University Food and Beverage Committee (UFBSC) to close the restaurant.

On June 29th, the UFBSC reversed its earlier decision to terminate Marky's food and service contract on April 30th, 1987. Now, the contract has been extended for the coming school year.

The original decision for termination was largely a result of a growing number of complaints issued by students, staff and University faculty regarding Marky's food and service.

The UFBSC had planned to spend the summer accepting and reviewing proposals from prospective proprietors concerning the soon to be vacant

site in Winter's College. But the UFBSC bargaining power was diminished after a decision to end the use of scrip after the completion of the 87/88 school year was announced.

This decision was part of a joint move that sees Beaver Foods of Canada replace Canteen of Canada's Rill Foods as the new catering services in Complexes one and two. It was Beaver Foods' demand that a system be devised to guarantee all of the money allotted to resident students be spent in their facilities only. The new system will most likely involve a student credit card.

The implementation of the new system means that the privately owned and catered food outlets across campus will not be able to accept anything but cash—this

depriving them of a substantial amount of business.

In Marky's case, scrip accounted for 75 percent of all incoming funds. This presented the Director of Housing and Food Services, Norm Crandles, with the difficult task of marketing a restaurant with profits equalling a quarter of what they were in previous years.

His position, and the openly expressed interest by the Karpis (owners and operators of Marky's) to keep Marky's at York paved the way for an agreement in June between the two parties. The Karpis regain control of the facilities for the coming school year, provided they address the complaints stipulated in their new contract. Failure to meet the demands will render the contract null and void.

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